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## **AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated 12/17/2002, in the above-identified patent application, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks. The period for response to this amendment having been extended by two months by the accompanying petition for extension of time. In this regard, it should be noted that 5/17/03 fell on a Saturday. Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the above-identified application and that the Examiner reconsider the grounds for rejection stated in the Office Action.